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# The Path Forward: A Roadmap for the Housing Market's New Normal

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# What we'll discuss today...

- The U.S. housing market continues to face availability and affordability challenges
- Consumers are moving less frequently; migration is trending towards more affordable (but CAT-prone) markets
- Household composition remains dynamic over time and across generations
- Property insurance shopping is increasing, but the catalyst has shifted - rising insurance costs/tightening market vs. home purchases and refinances





“ *National Association of Realtors’ (NAR): The median first-time homebuyer has reached an all-time high age of 38 years old, three years older than in July 2023. In the late 1980s, the typical first-time buyer was in their late 20s.*

– **CNBC<sup>1</sup> , November 5, 2024**

“ *43% of Gen Zers and millennials say they’re unlikely to purchase a home soon due to affordability.*

– **Redfin<sup>2</sup>, March 27, 2024**

“ *As of 2024, 44M households rent, with long-term renters making up 25% more of the population compared to 10 years ago*

– **Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies<sup>4</sup>, 2024**

“ *Total housing starts for 2023 were 1.41 million, a 9% decline from the 1.55 million total from 2022.*

– **National Association of Homebuilders<sup>5</sup>, January 18, 2024**



# The U.S. housing stock is not keeping pace with population growth

|                          | 2024        | 2000 – 2024 CAGR |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>U.S. population</b>   | <b>337M</b> | <b>+0.7%</b>     |
| <b>New housing units</b> | <b>1.4M</b> | <b>-0.7%</b>     |



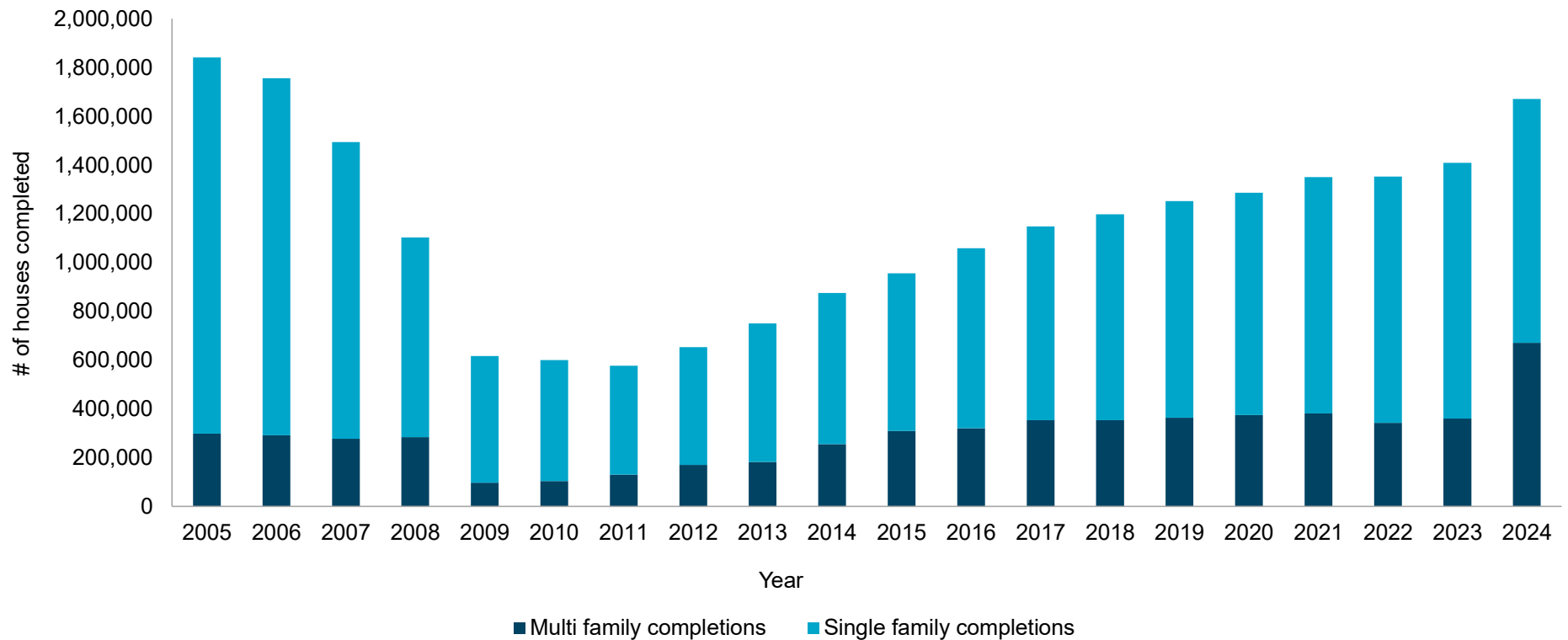
## Historic Low Vacancy Rates

Home and Rental vacancy rates are lowest they've been in nearly **40 years**



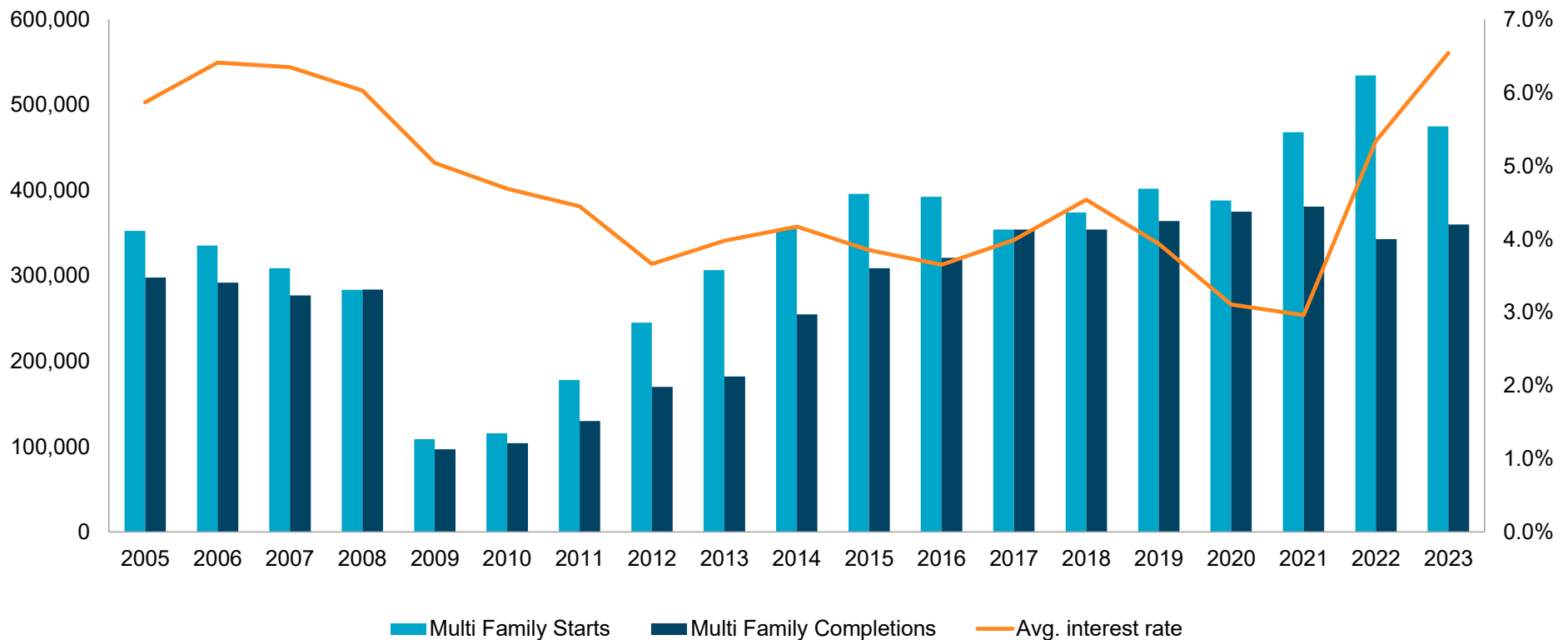
# It's taken 15 years for housing completions to reach pre-2008 financial crisis levels

Housing completions by year



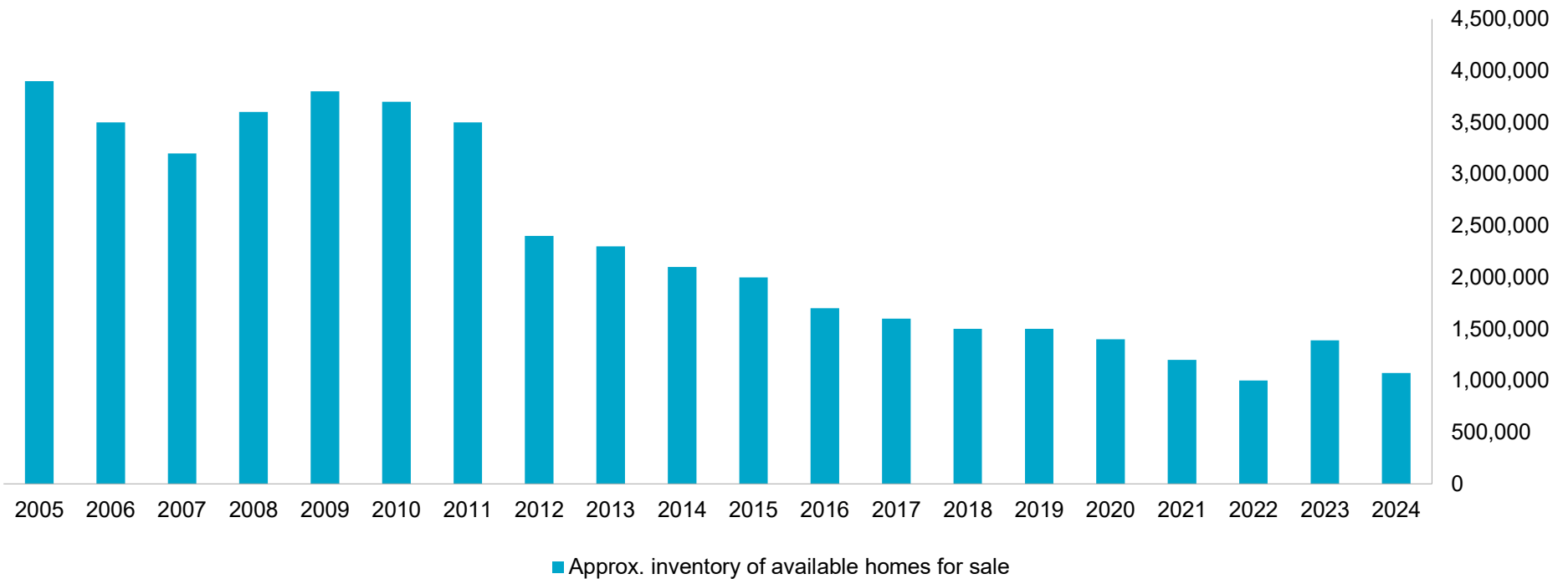
# While multi-family construction is increasing, completion varies over time as interest rates fluctuate

Multi-family construction starts versus completions



# However, the inventory of available homes for sale is near a 20-year low

Approx. inventory of available homes for sale





# Record high home prices benefit property owners, but are a barrier to potential first-time property owners

**47%**

Cumulative percent increase in home price index since January 2020<sup>1</sup>

**\$20.5T**

Total tappable home equity of U.S. homeowners<sup>2</sup> (equivalent to 2<sup>nd</sup> largest country in the world in terms of GDP<sup>3</sup>)

**\$260K**

Median amount of tappable home equity for 85M consumers<sup>2</sup>



A person in a dark suit and blue tie is sitting at a desk. They are holding a silver pen in their right hand and a white calculator in their left hand. On the desk in front of them is a small wooden house model on a base, and a laptop. The background is a window with a view of a building.

**Higher interest rates  
incentivize staying put, and are  
another barrier to potential first-  
time property owners**

**6.5%**

30-year fixed rate mortgage average  
interest rate (October 2024)<sup>1</sup>

**56%**

Percent of open mortgages have an interest  
rate below 4% (March 2024)<sup>2</sup>



# What does this mean for existing renters and potential first-time property owners?

**Higher multi-family development could help stabilize/lower rent expenditure**

**Increased, and longer duration, renters present opportunities for new coverage offerings (think Cyber) and embedded offerings**



Consumer migration (a.k.a. “moves”) have influenced these trends and changed insurer risk exposure

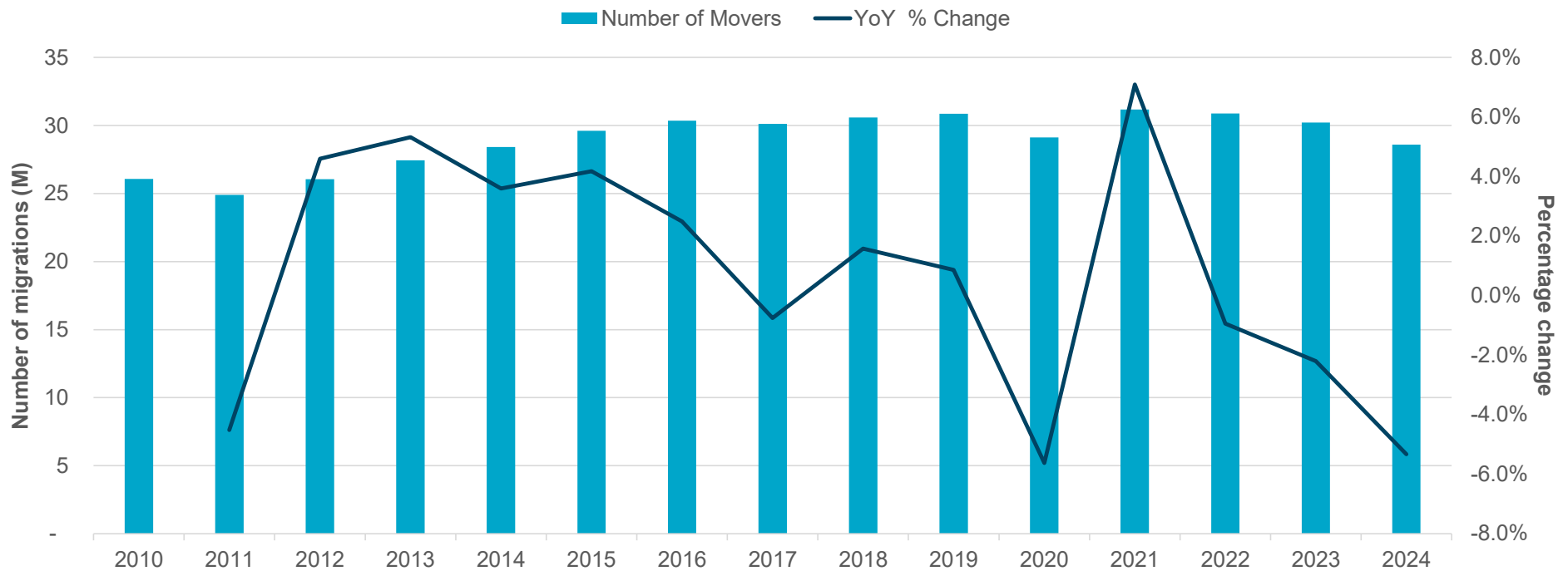
# We sought to learn how generation, homeownership, and other factors impact consumer migration

- Compared addresses for movers and non-movers on consumers' credit file at the beginning and end of the 12 months ending in June 2024
- Analyzed households by various data points including birth year (generation) and presence of a mortgage
- Obtained identical prior year (June 2023), pre-COVID (June 2019), and one generation prior (June 2010) data



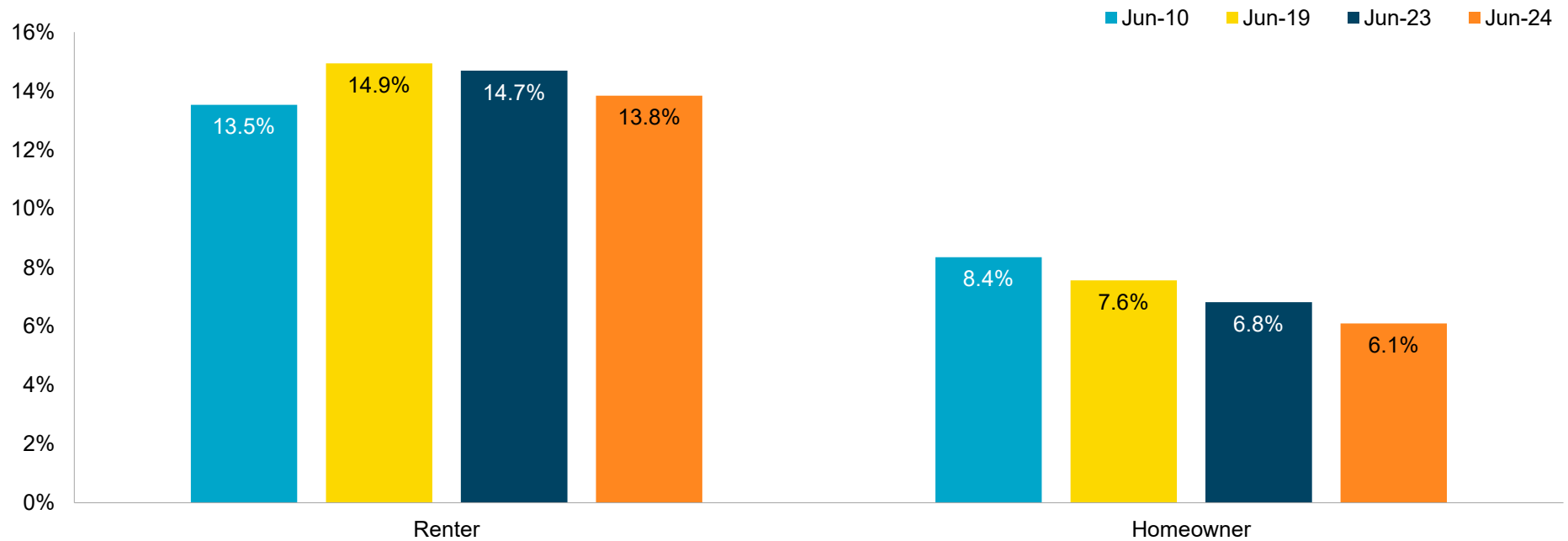
# Overall consumer migration has decreased 13% since 2019, with Boomer/Silent, Gen X, and Millennials all down more than 20%

U.S. total migration for credit active population



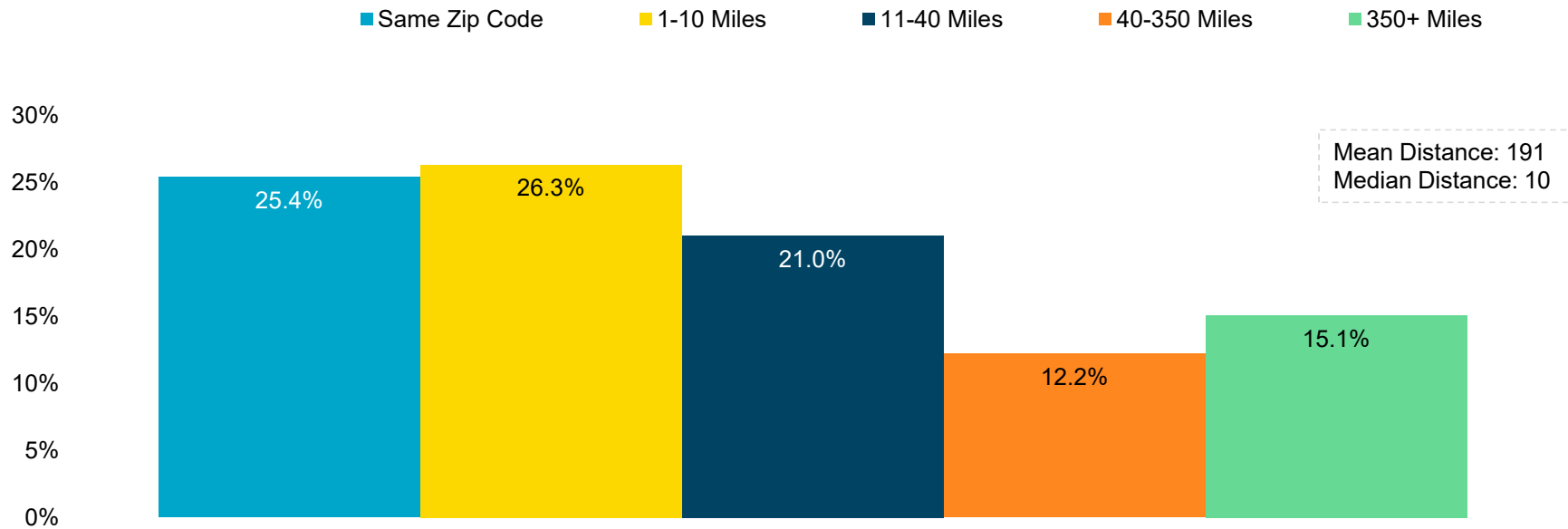
# Migration rates have dropped for both renters and homeowners post-COVID as the result of housing availability and affordability

Annual consumer migration rates  
By Occupancy Type



# Recent migration patterns have been localized; Half of moves are 10 miles or less, with 1 in 7 exceeding 350

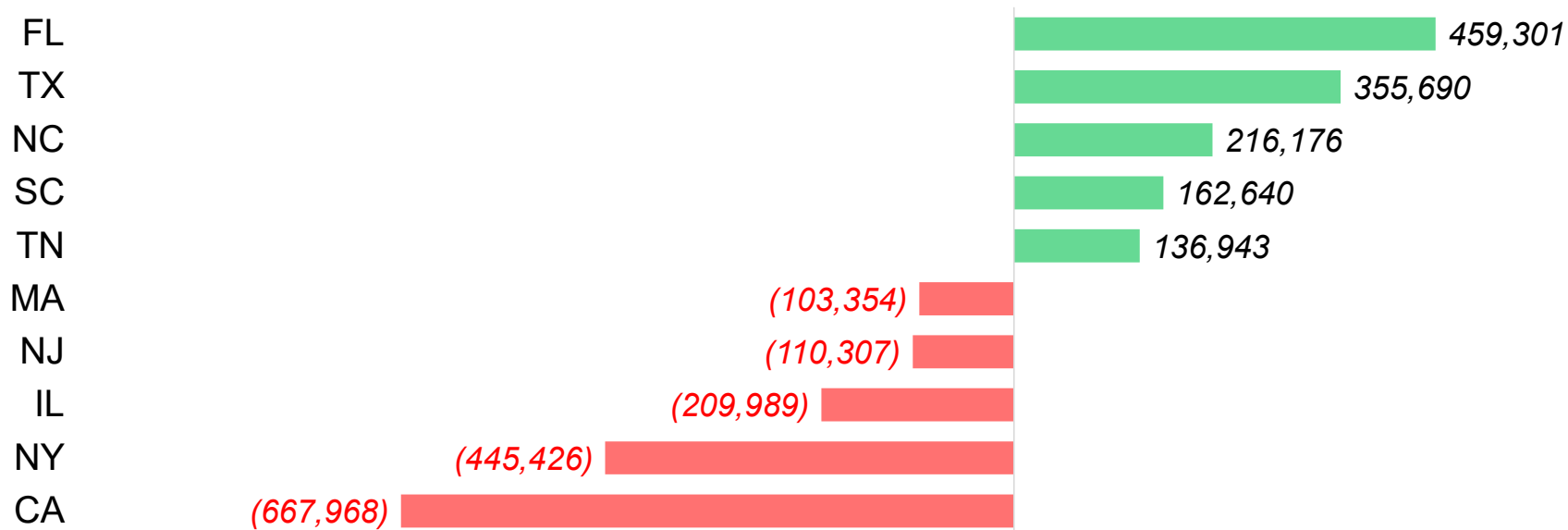
Consumer Migration Trends  
Distribution of Moves by Distance, 2022-2024





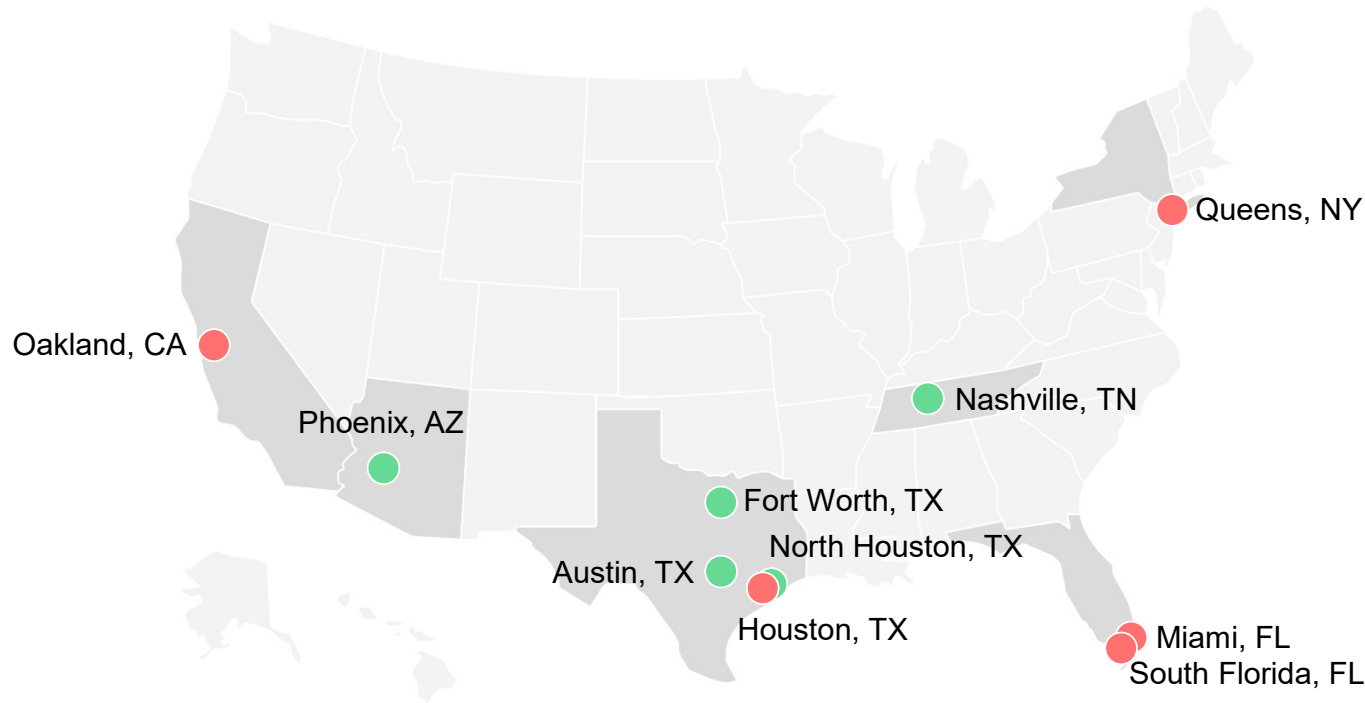
# Sunbelt and coastal states dominate consumer inbound migration – exacerbating catastrophe exposure

Consumer Migration Trends  
Top 5 and Bottom 5 Net Migration States, 2022-2024



# Large, primarily suburban cities lead in inbound migration, while expensive and/or CAT-prone cities contribute to negative migration

## Top inbound and outbound migration markets – All generations (6/2024)



### Top 5 inbound (○) markets:

1. North Houston, TX
2. Fort Worth, TX
3. Phoenix, AZ
4. Austin, TX
5. Nashville, TN

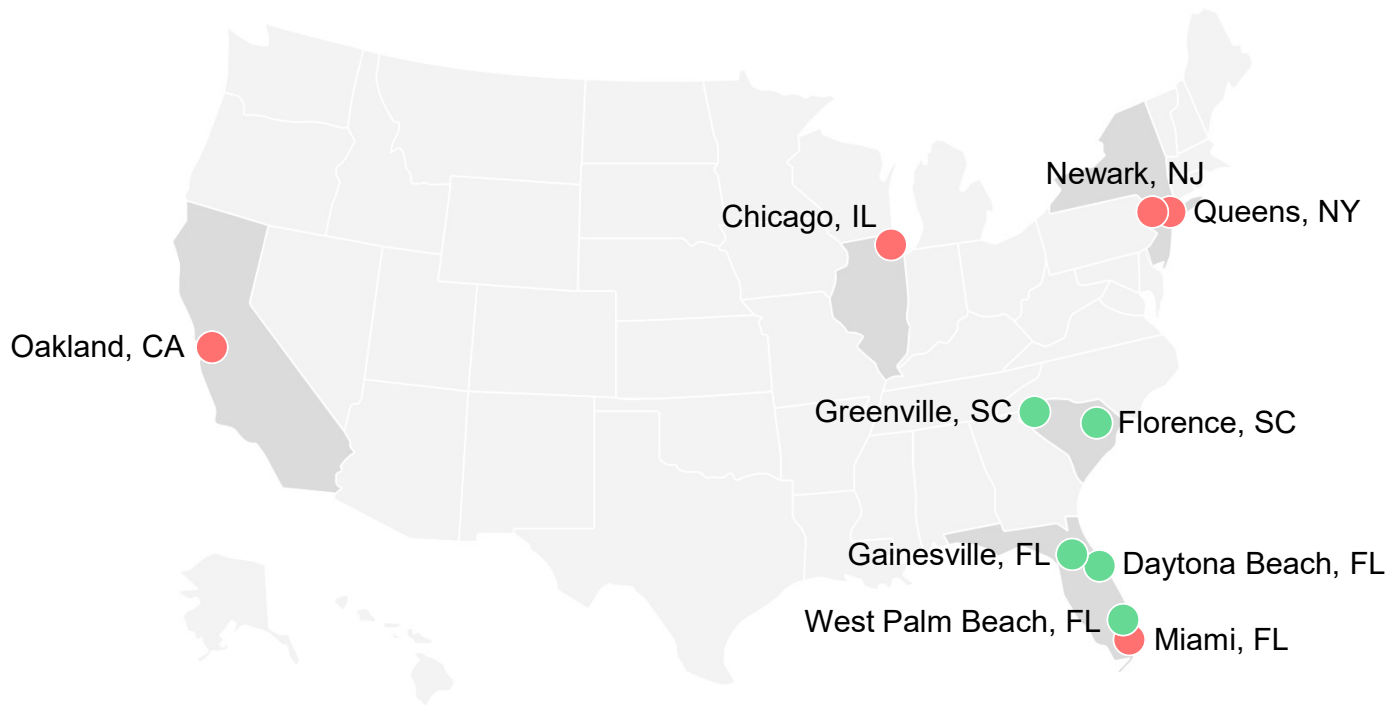
### Top 5 outbound (○) markets:

1. Miami, FL
2. Houston, TX
3. Queens, NY
4. Oakland, CA
5. South Florida, FL



# Consumers in the Boomer & Silent generations are increasingly migrating to smaller, more affordable (but catastrophe-prone) markets in the Sun Belt

## Top inbound and outbound migration markets – Boomers & Silent (6/2024)



### Top 5 inbound (○) markets:

1. Daytona Beach, FL
2. Gainesville, FL
3. Florence, SC
4. Greenville, SC
5. West Palm Beach, FL

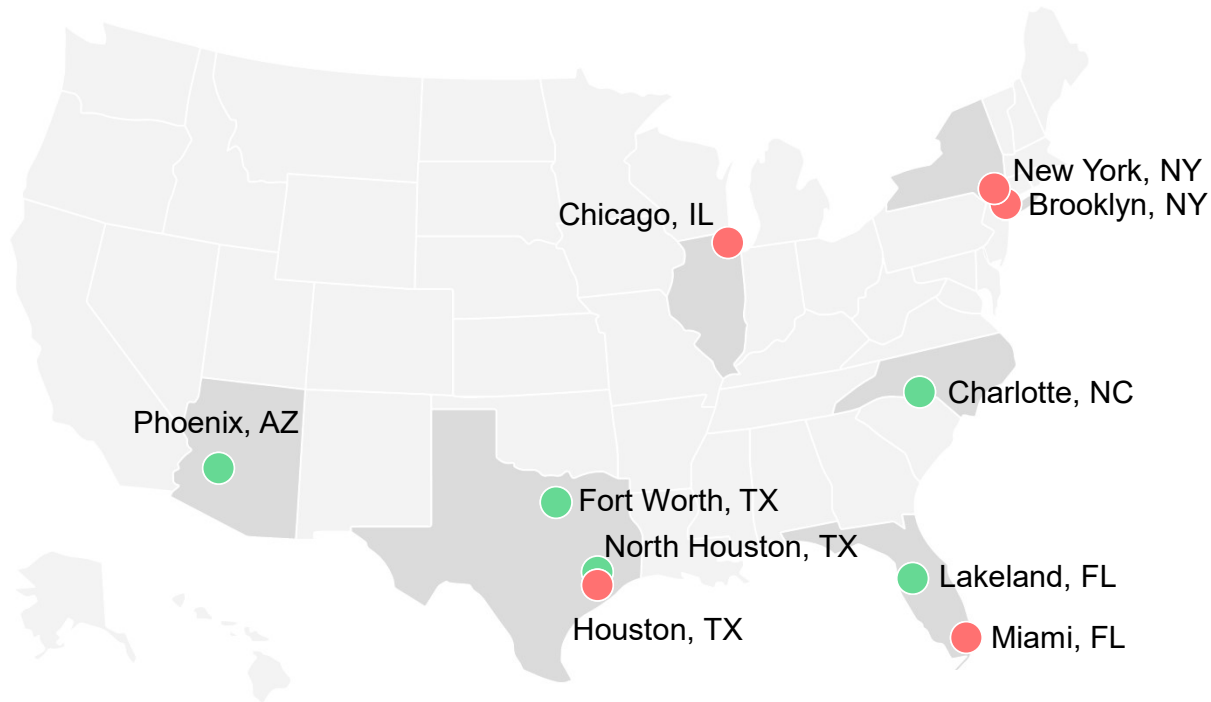
### Top 5 outbound (○) markets:

1. Chicago, IL
2. Oakland, CA
3. Newark, NJ
4. Queens, NY
5. Miami, FL



# Consumers in the Gen X & Millennial generations are leaving large, pricier housing markets in favor of urban/suburban markets of large Sun Belt cities

## Top inbound and outbound migration markets – Gen X & Millennials (6/2024)



### Top 5 inbound (○) markets:

1. North Houston, TX
2. Fort Worth, TX
3. Lakeland, FL
4. Charlotte, NC
5. Phoenix, AZ

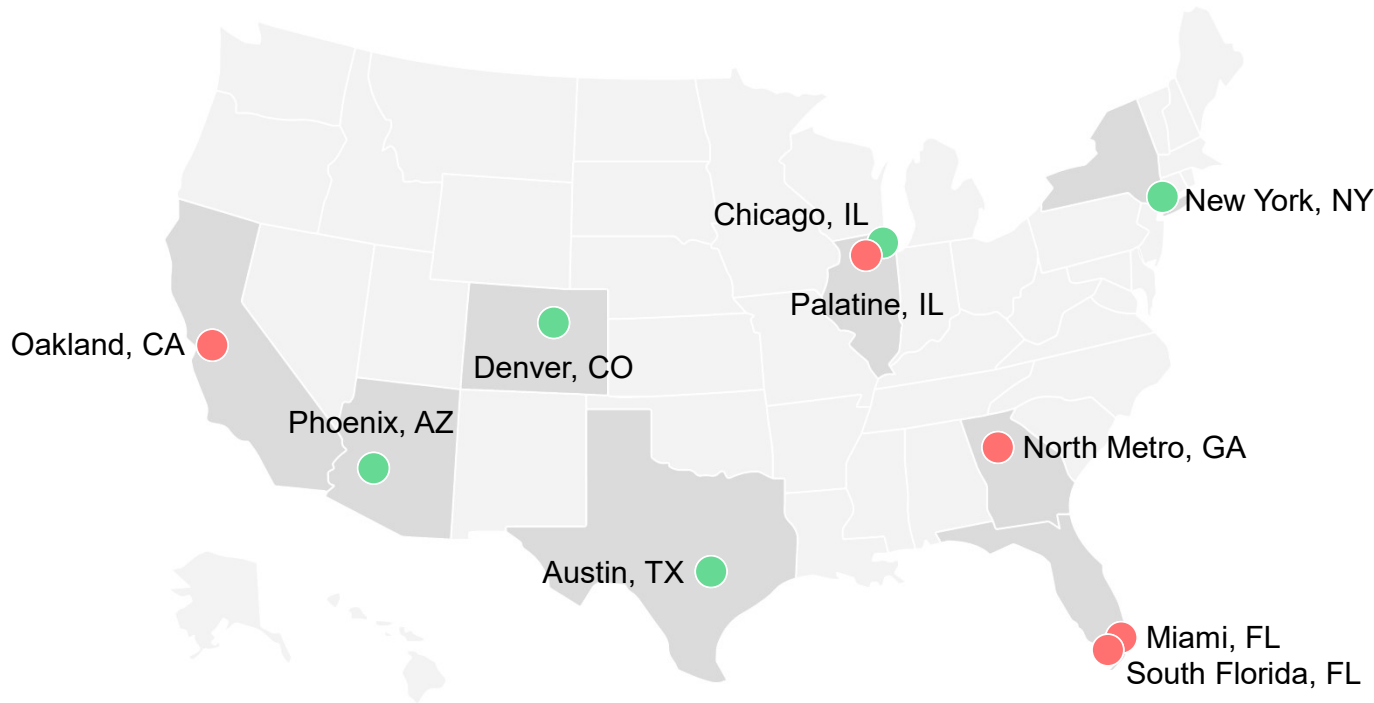
### Top 5 outbound (○) markets:

1. Miami, FL
2. Houston, TX
3. Chicago, IL
4. New York, NY
5. Brooklyn, NY



# Consumers in Gen Z are departing suburban cities in favor of job and tech-heavy urban areas shunned by other generations, irrespective of geography

## Top inbound and outbound migration markets – Gen Z (6/2024)



### Top 5 inbound (○) markets:

1. New York, NY
2. Austin, TX
3. Chicago, IL
4. Denver, CO
5. Phoenix, AZ

### Top 5 outbound (○) markets:

1. Palatine, IL
2. South Florida, FL
3. Miami, FL
4. Oakland, CA
5. North Metro, GA



# Ironically, Gen Z is exhibiting similar behaviors to Millennials at the same age in 2010

## Top inbound and outbound migration markets – Millennials (6/2010)



### Top 5 inbound (○) markets:

1. New York, NY
2. Denver, CO
3. Chicago, IL
4. Northern VA, VA
5. San Francisco, CA

### Top 5 outbound (○) markets:

1. Detroit, MI
2. Provo, UT
3. Gainesville, FL
4. East Los Angeles, CA
5. Palatine, IL



Let's take a look inside the house to see how household composition is shifting

# We sought to obtain greater understanding of how households and generations have evolved

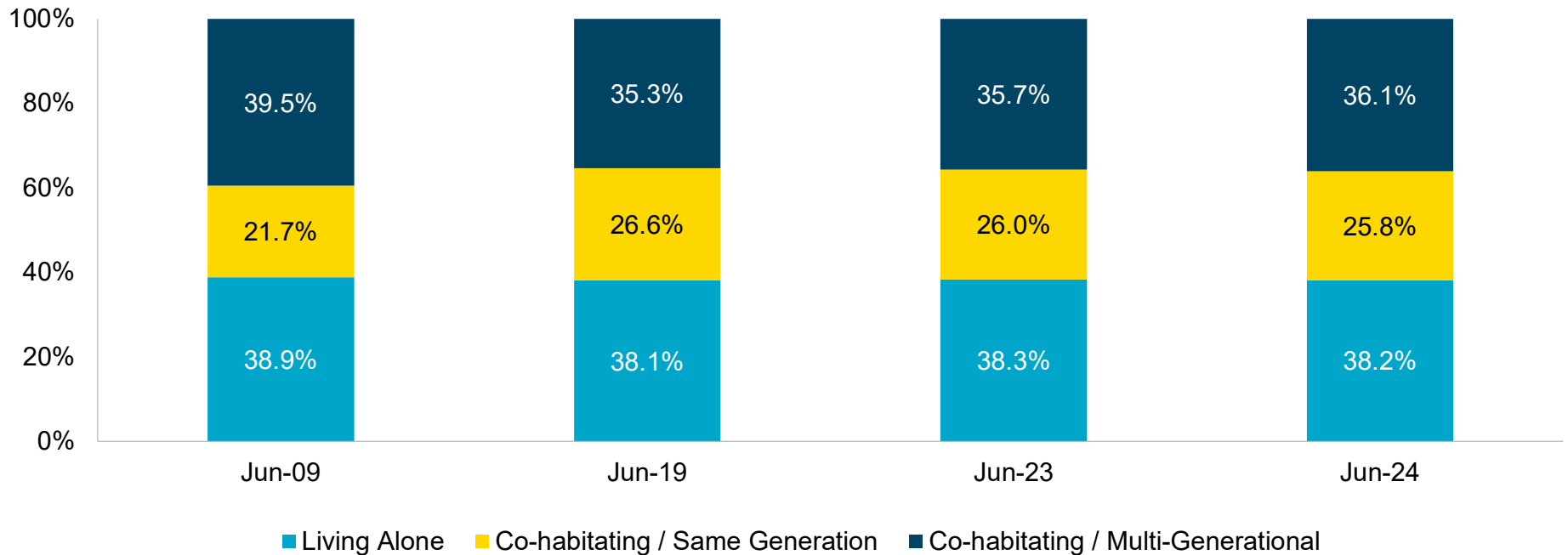
- Leveraged credit database to bundle consumers at a household level as of June 2024
- Analyzed households by number of occupants, birth year (generation), and presence of a mortgage
- Obtained identical prior year (June 2023), pre-COVID (June 2019), and one generation prior (June 2009) data





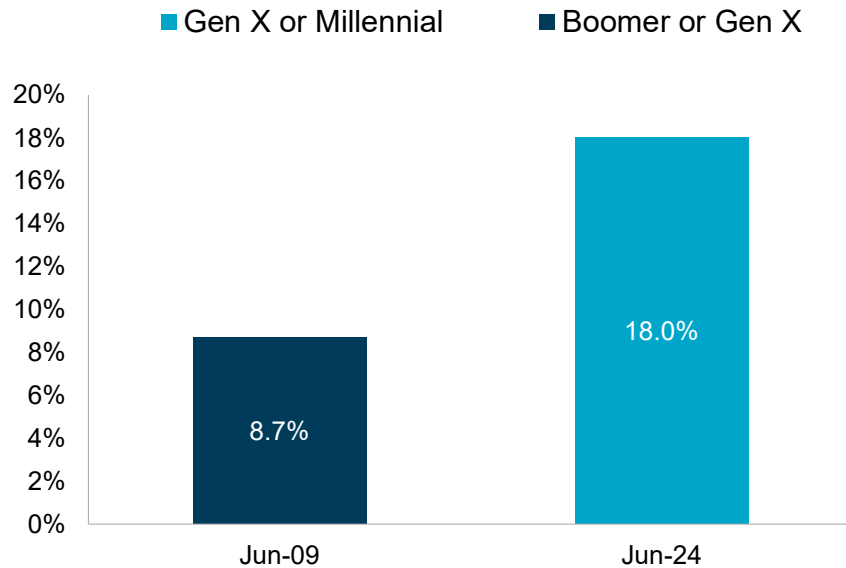
# On the surface, household composition has stayed mostly consistent since 2009

Household Composition  
June 2024 vs. Prior Year, 5 Years Prior, 15 Years Prior

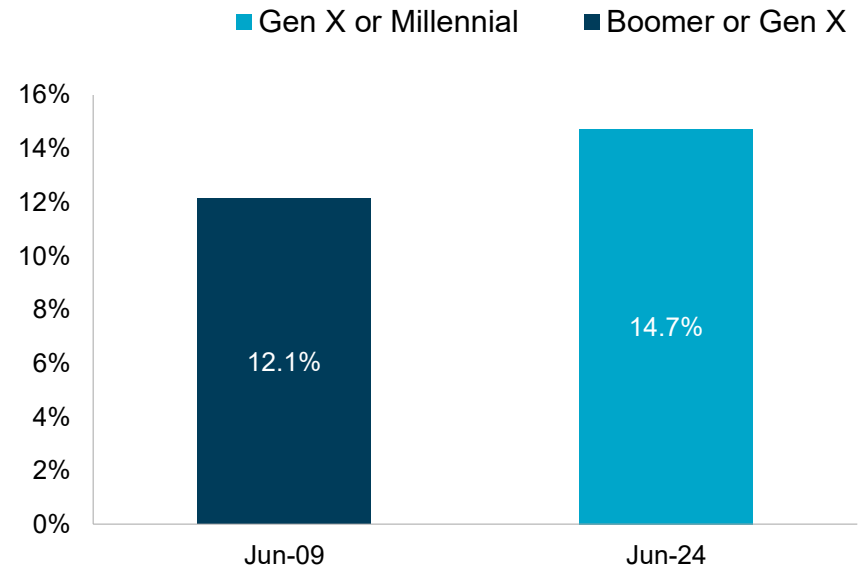


# The share of households with individuals in their peak earnings years<sup>†</sup> living with older and/or younger relatives has substantially increased since 2009

### Peak Earners Living with Older Relatives June 2024 vs. 15 Years Prior



### Peak Earners Living with Younger Relatives June 2024 vs. 15 Years Prior



<sup>†</sup>For the purpose of this analysis, "Peak earnings years" defined as Gen X and Millennial generations.



# Millennials continue to lag Gen X in homeownership and heading households

**41% of Millennials own homes in 2024, versus 52% of Gen X in 2009**

**53% of Millennials head households in 2024, versus 66% of Gen X in 2009**



A photograph of a family of three standing in front of a brick house. The mother is on the left, the father is on the right, and a young girl is in the center. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera. The background shows a brick house with windows and a lawn.

**Similarly, fewer Gen Z consumers are living alone compared to Millennials**

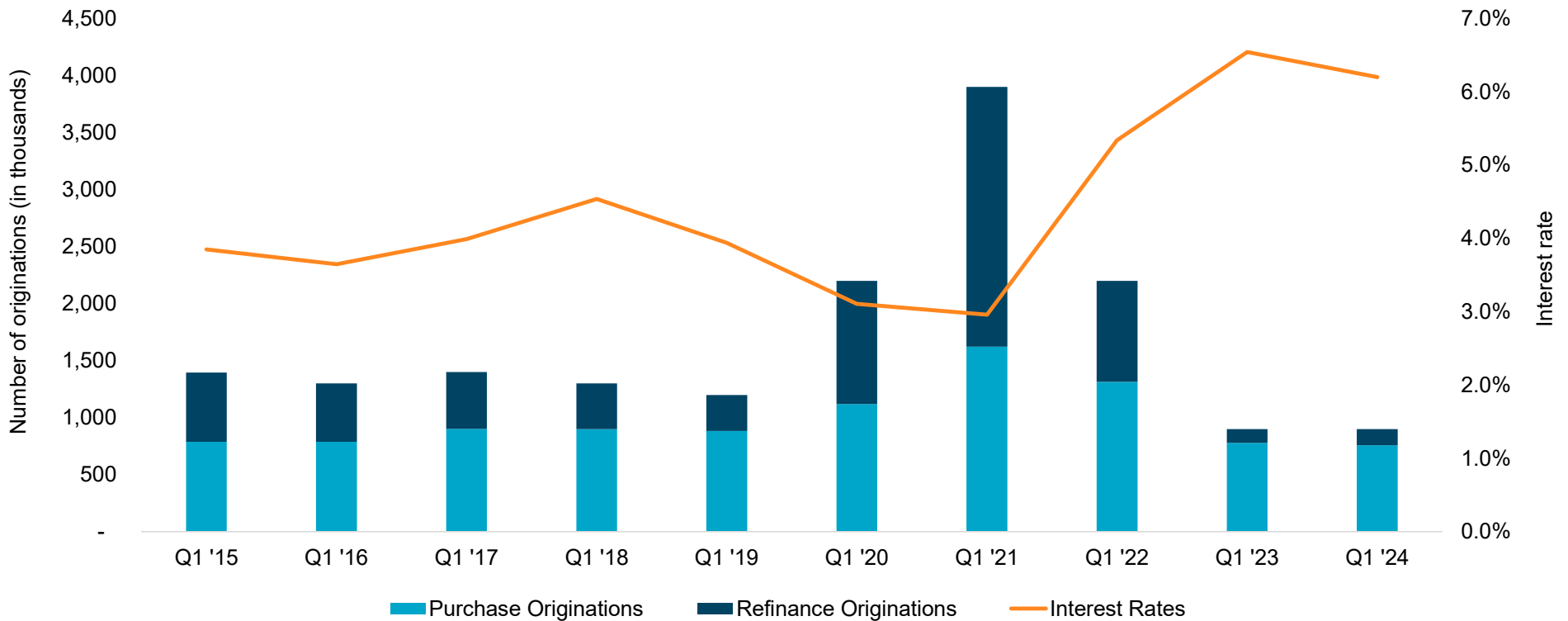
**22% of Gen Z in 2024, versus  
34% of Millennials in 2009**



How has this impacted consumer purchasing and insurance shopping behavior

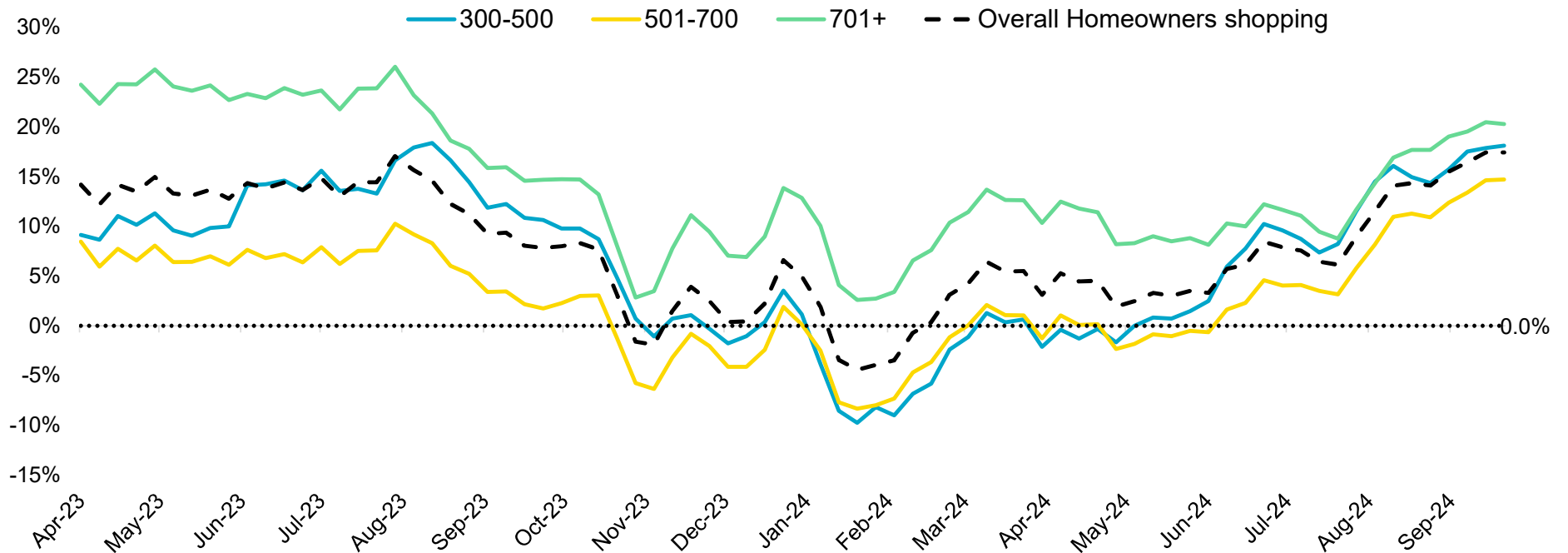
# Mortgage origination and refinance volumes have been suppressed much of 2024 largely due to interest rates

Distribution of mortgage origination volume, by purchase and refinance



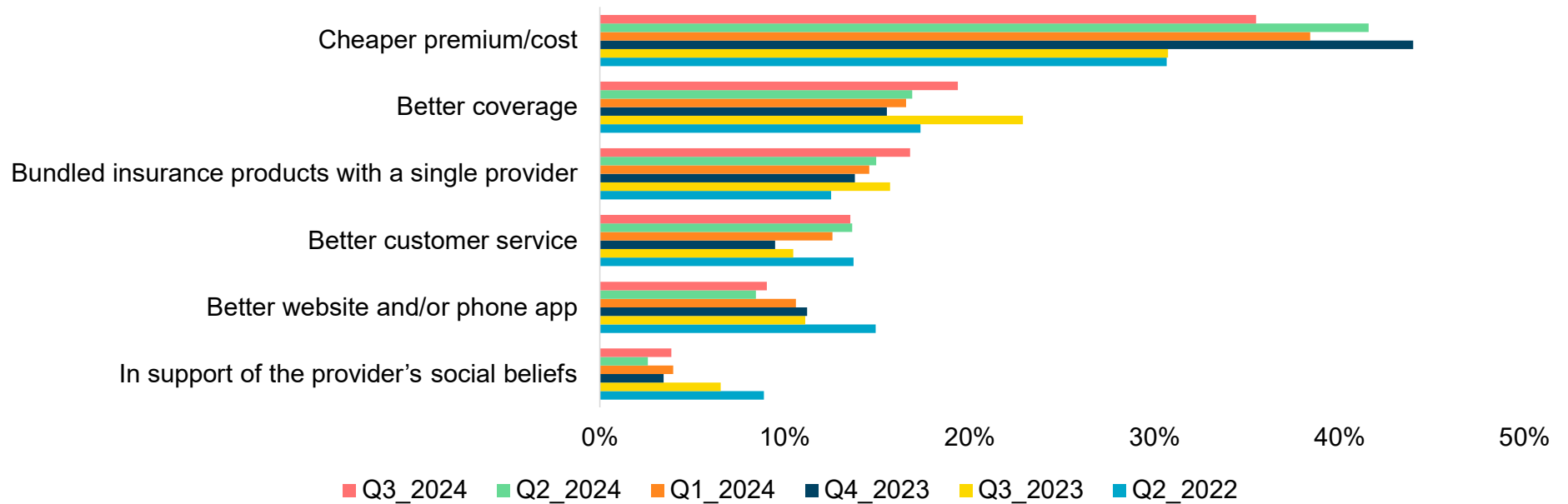
# After a flattening trend for much of 2024, homeowners shopping is again on the rise due to ongoing rate and profitability actions

YoY percent change in number of Homeowner insurance shoppers by credit-based insurance scores



# Consumer's reasons for switching insurance providers has fluctuated over the past year, with price usually a key driver but other factors at play

What is the primary reason you switched homeowners/condo insurance providers?







## Key takeaways

- Housing affordability and availability is impacting frequency of consumer migration and household composition
- Exposure in catastrophe-prone geographies continues to grow; favored cities vary widely by generation but align with each generation's life goals
- Evolving household composition could impact consumer coverage needs, risk exposure and price sensitivity
- Delays in homeownership and independent living could challenge the approach of acquiring younger consumers and retaining throughout lifecycle changes

